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NO LIGHT.

NO SOUND.

LOTS OF P.O.W.'S
CRACK AFTER DAYS
OR WEEKS OF
ISOLATION.

I'VE BEEN HERE
MORE THAN TWO
MONTHS.

LONG ENOUGH
TO DRIVE A MAN
INSANE.

BUT IT ONLY
MAKES ME MORE
FOCUSED.

DISTANCE TO OBJECTIVE: 3451 KM

AFTER ALL, I'VE
LIVED IN DARKNESS
BEFORE.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS EARLIER.

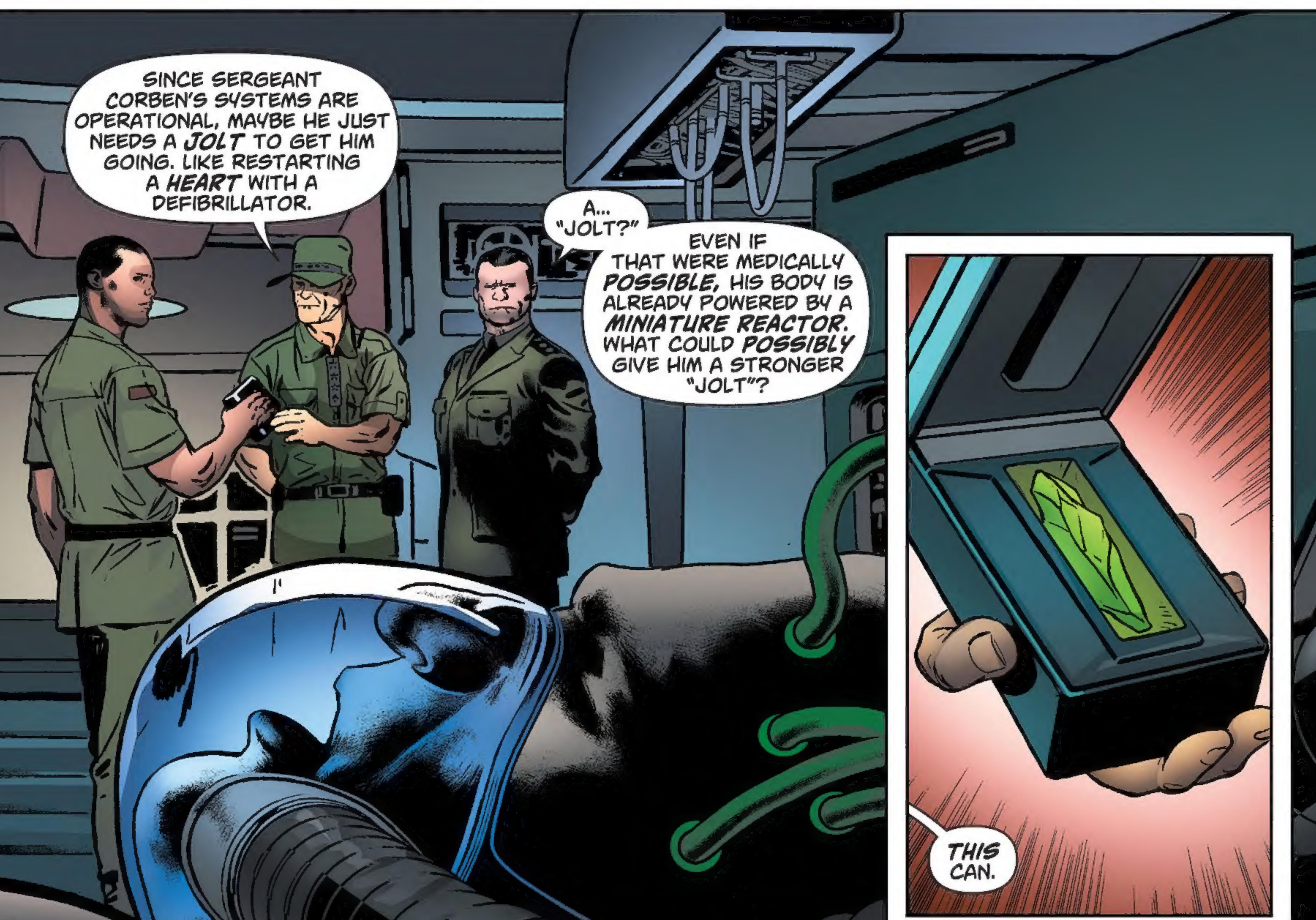
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PROGRESS,
MYERS?

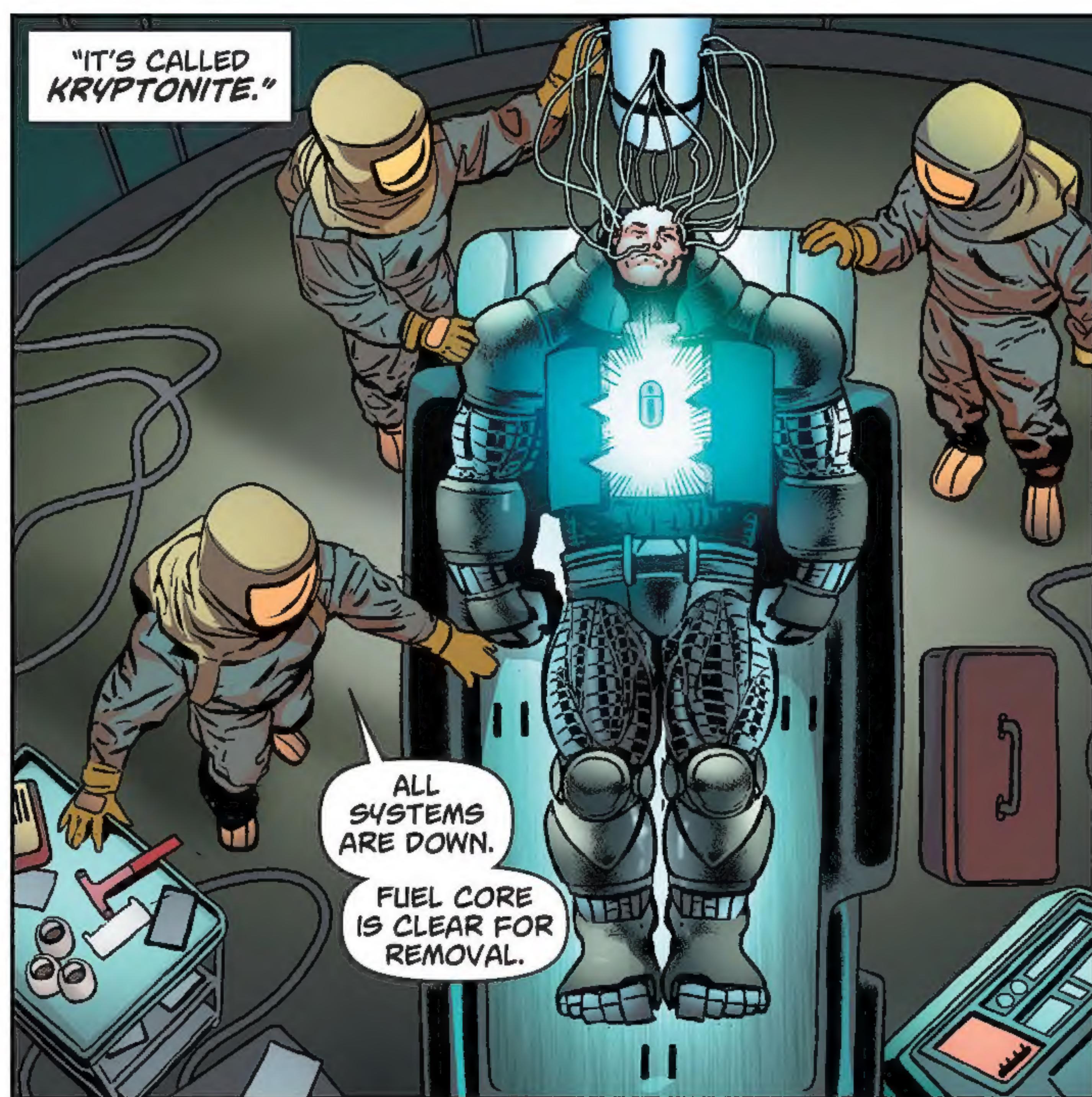
SORRY,
GENERAL. THAT'S
A NEGATIVE.

STILL NO
CHANGE.



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UNLEASHES
METALLO
FULL METAL JACKET
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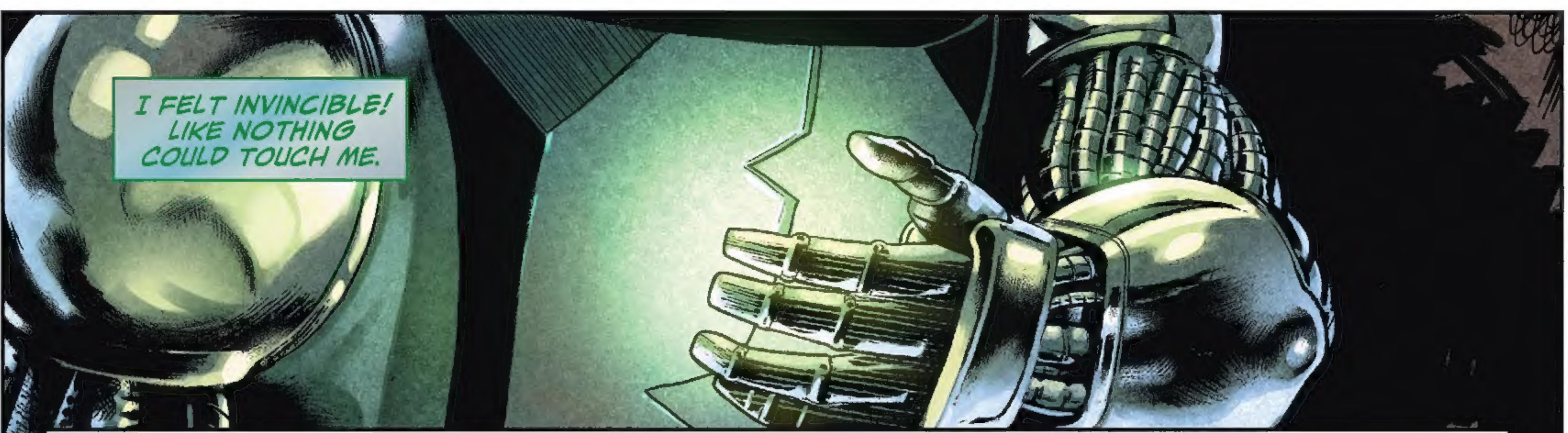






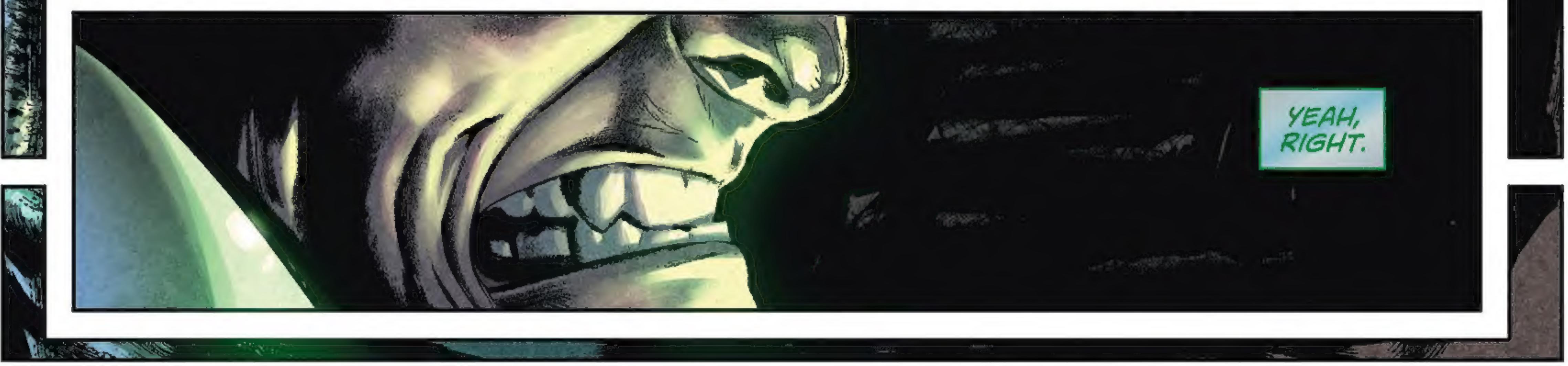
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KRYPTONITE
RUSH WAS...

...BEYOND
WORDS.

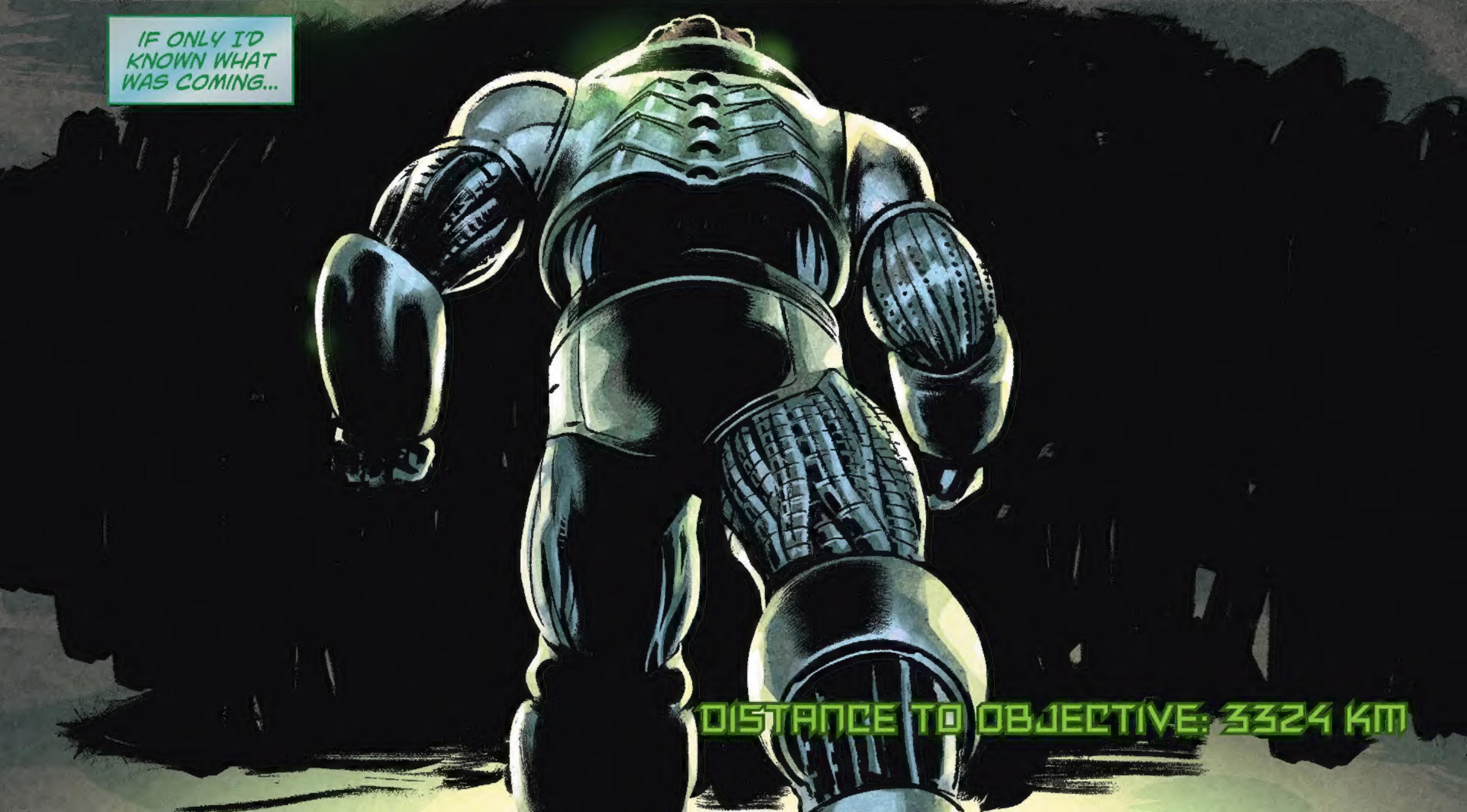


I FELT INVINCIBLE!
LIKE NOTHING
COULD TOUCH ME.

YEAH,
RIGHT.



IF ONLY I'D
KNOWN WHAT
WAS COMING...



DISTANCE TO OBJECTIVE: 3324 KM

"HE'S 'UNFIT'? ARE YOU SERIOUS?"

LOOK AT THAT TRAINING EXERCISE! HE'S A ONE-MAN BATTALION!

THAT SEEMS PRETTY DAMN FIT TO ME!

PHYSICALLY, PERHAPS.

HOWEVER, HE STILL SHOWS CLEAR SIGNS OF SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA.

IN FACT, EVEN BEFORE "METAL-ZERO," I SEE SERGEANT CORBEN'S FILE ALREADY SHOWED A DISTRESSING PATTERN OF REPRESSSED EMOTIONS IN DAILY LIFE, WHICH MANIFESTED AS EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THE FIELD.

"EXCESSIVE FORCE?" IN A WAR ZONE?

BOTTOM LINE, SIR: IF YOU INSIST ON SENDING SERGEANT CORBEN BACK INTO ACTION, I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS.

YOU'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE, LAZAR! I AM!

YOU'RE OUTRANKED, CAPTAIN, AND OVERRULED!

THAT MAN DESERVES A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT HE CAN DO!

WE'VE GOT TROOPS OVERSEAS WHO NEED SUPPORT--

--AND JOHN CORBEN IS GOING TO GIVE IT TO THEM!"

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

QURAC.

GHA!

UH, I MEAN... S-SORRY, SIR. YOU MUST BE SERGEANT CORBEN. METALLO.

THAT'S "METAL-ZERO."

OH. SORRY. THEY, UH, THEY BRIEFED US YOU WERE COMING, BUT, WELL... IT'S HARD TO BE PREPARED...

DROP IT. GIVE ME A SITREP.

OKAY. RIGHT.

WE WERE SENT ON A SEARCH-AND-DESTROY MISSION, TO NEUTRALIZE AN INSURGENT ARMS CACHE.

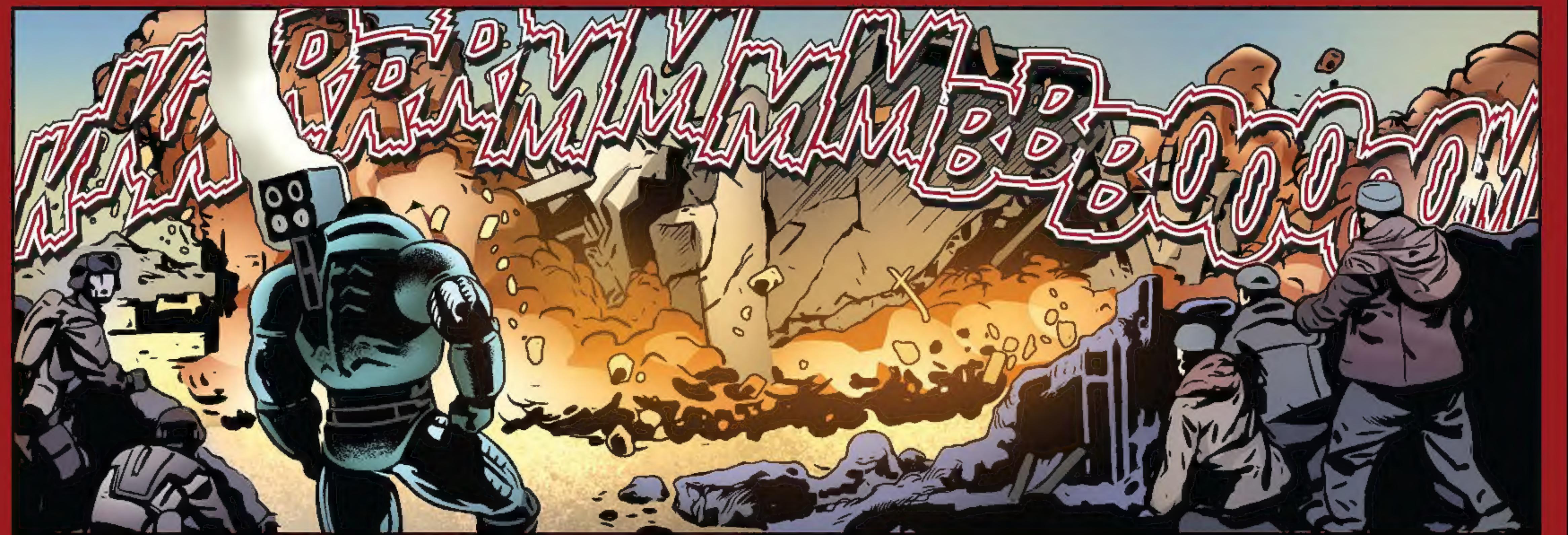
SO?

PROBLEM IS, THE INSURGENTS STASHED THE ORDNANCE UNDER A HOSPITAL. SO NOW, WE'VE GOT A BAND OF HOSTILES HOLED UP INSIDE, USING OVER A HUNDRED NONCOMBATANT STAFF AND PATIENTS AS HUMAN SHIELDS!

UH-HUH. NO PROBLEM.

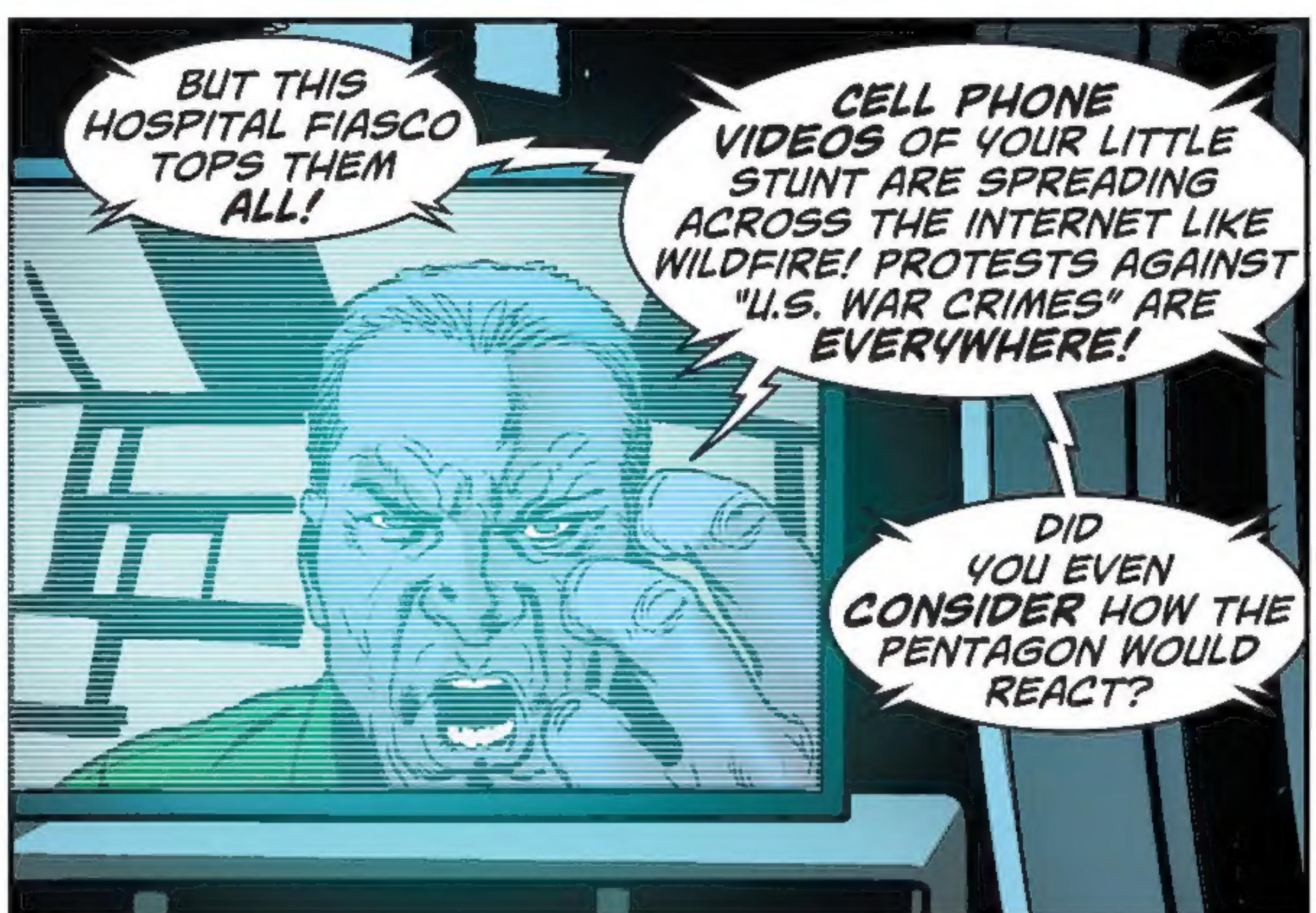
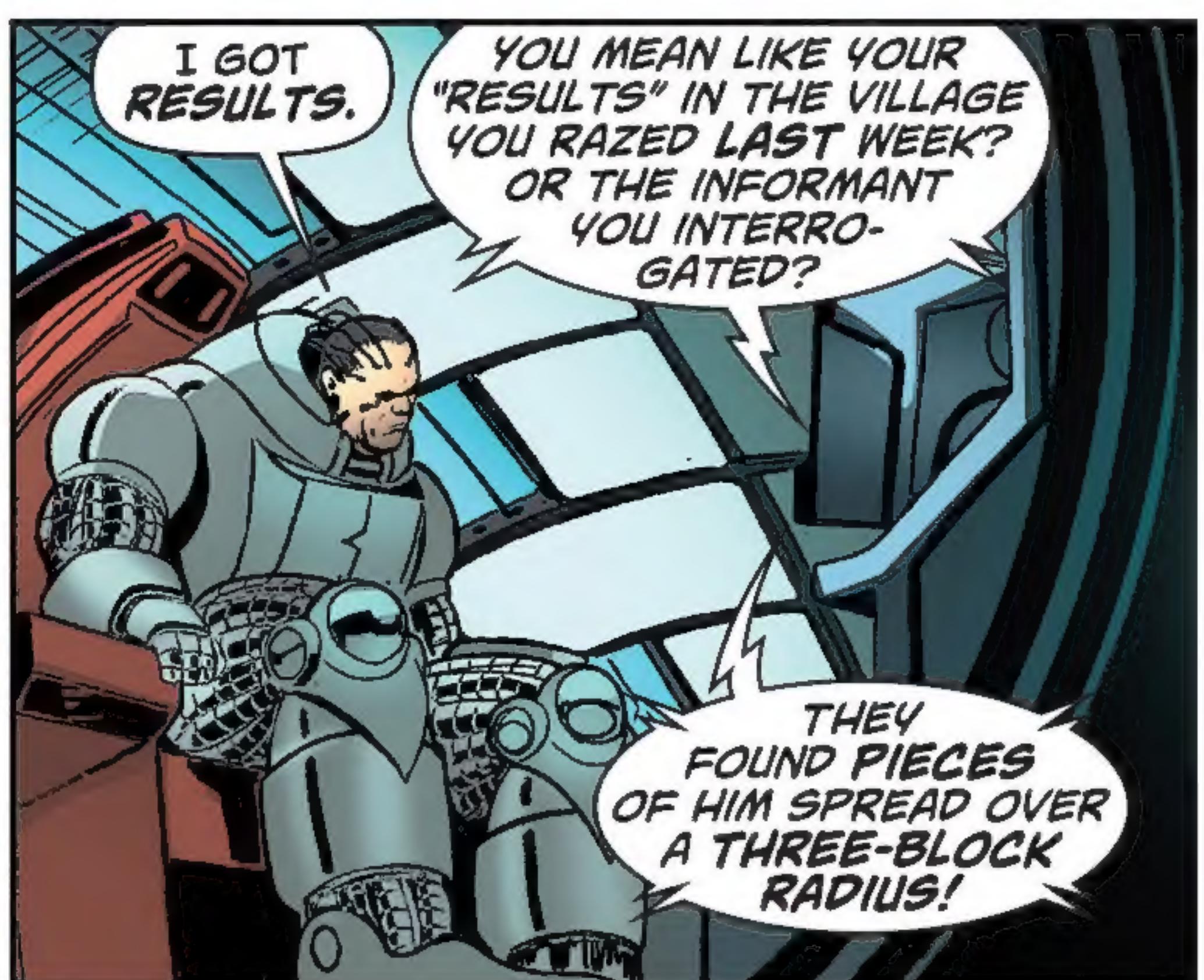
SO THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO? EXCELLENT!

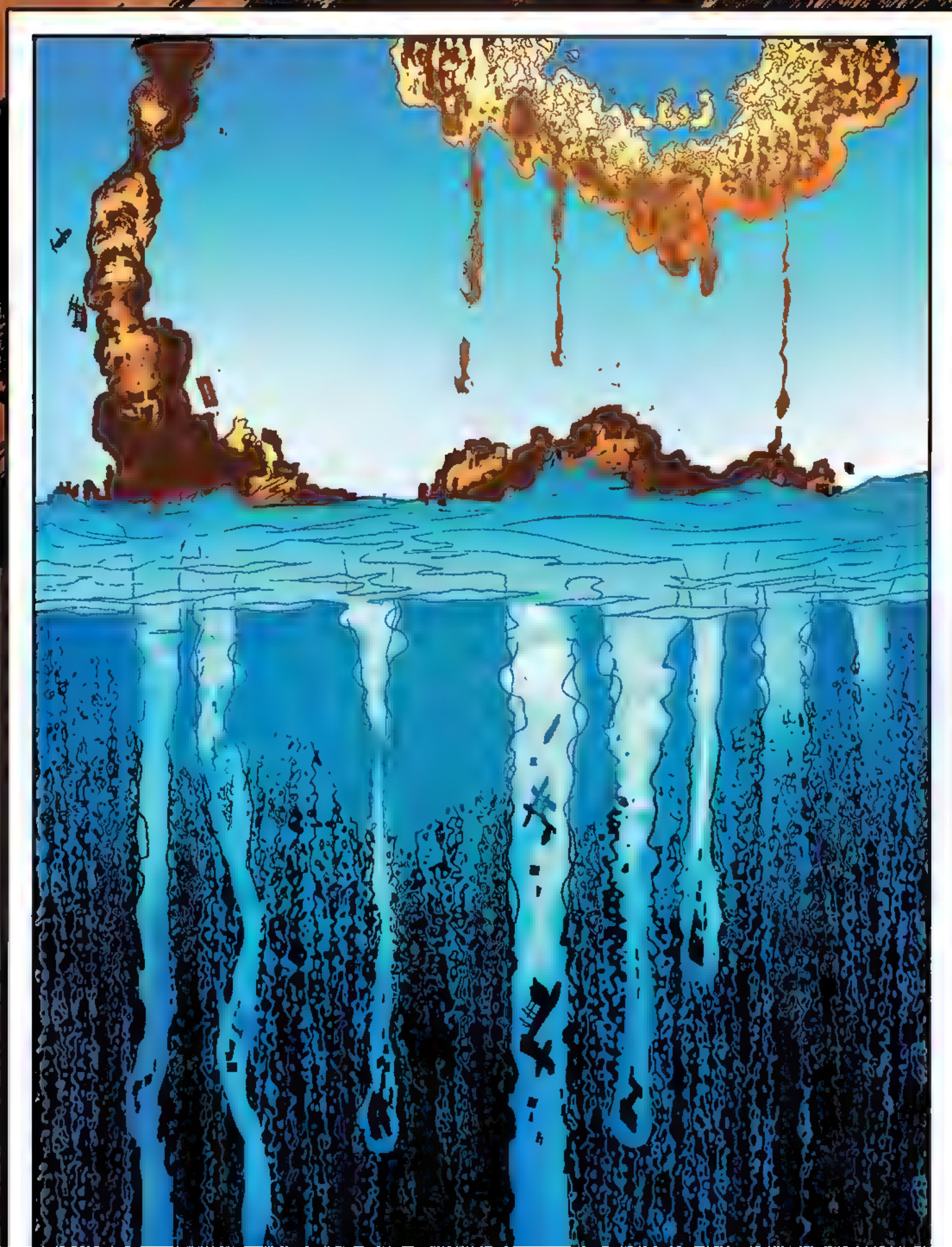
WHAT'S THE PLAN? DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SELECTIVE TARGETING OR CLOAKING DEVICE TO GET INSIDE?

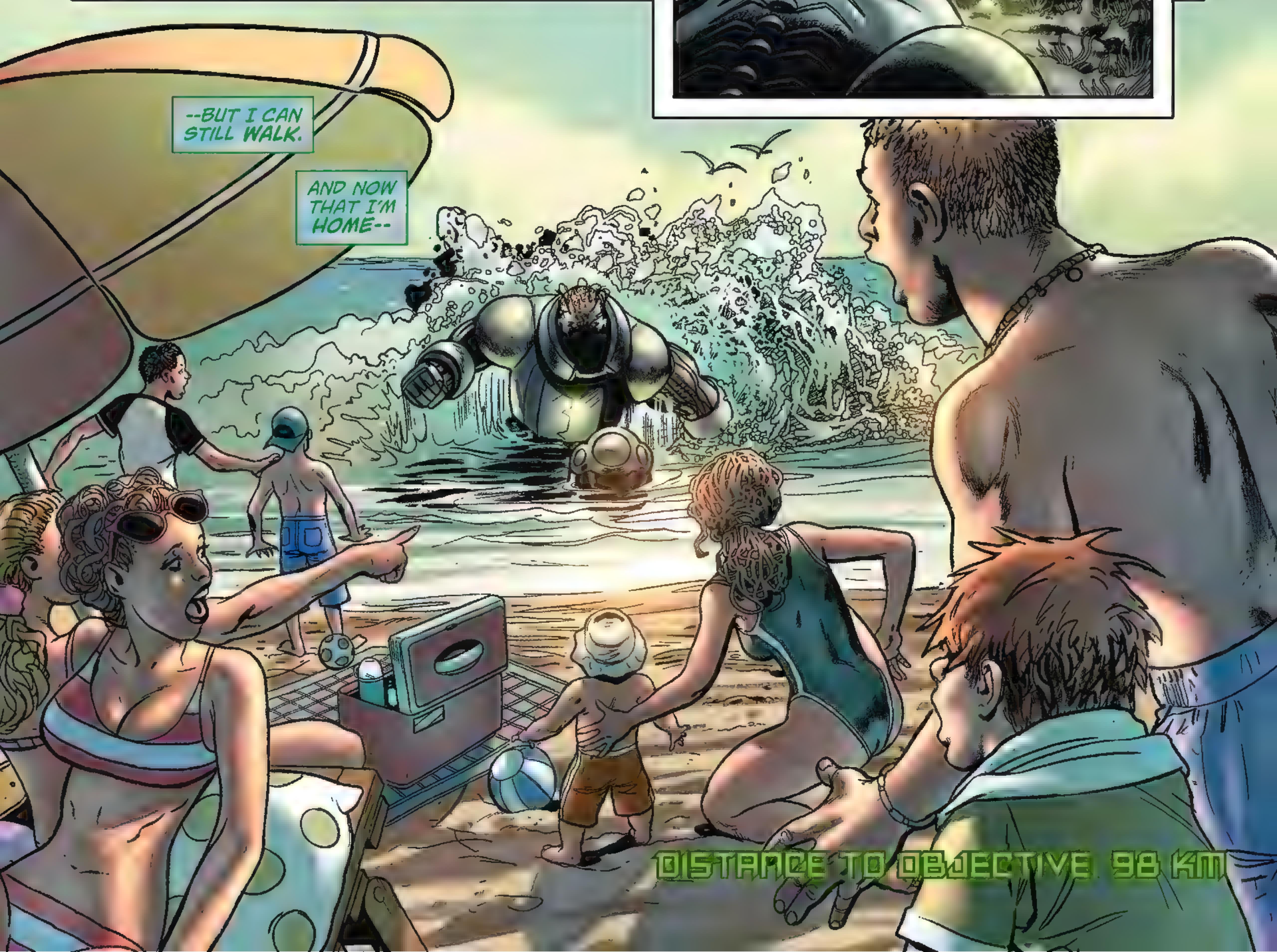
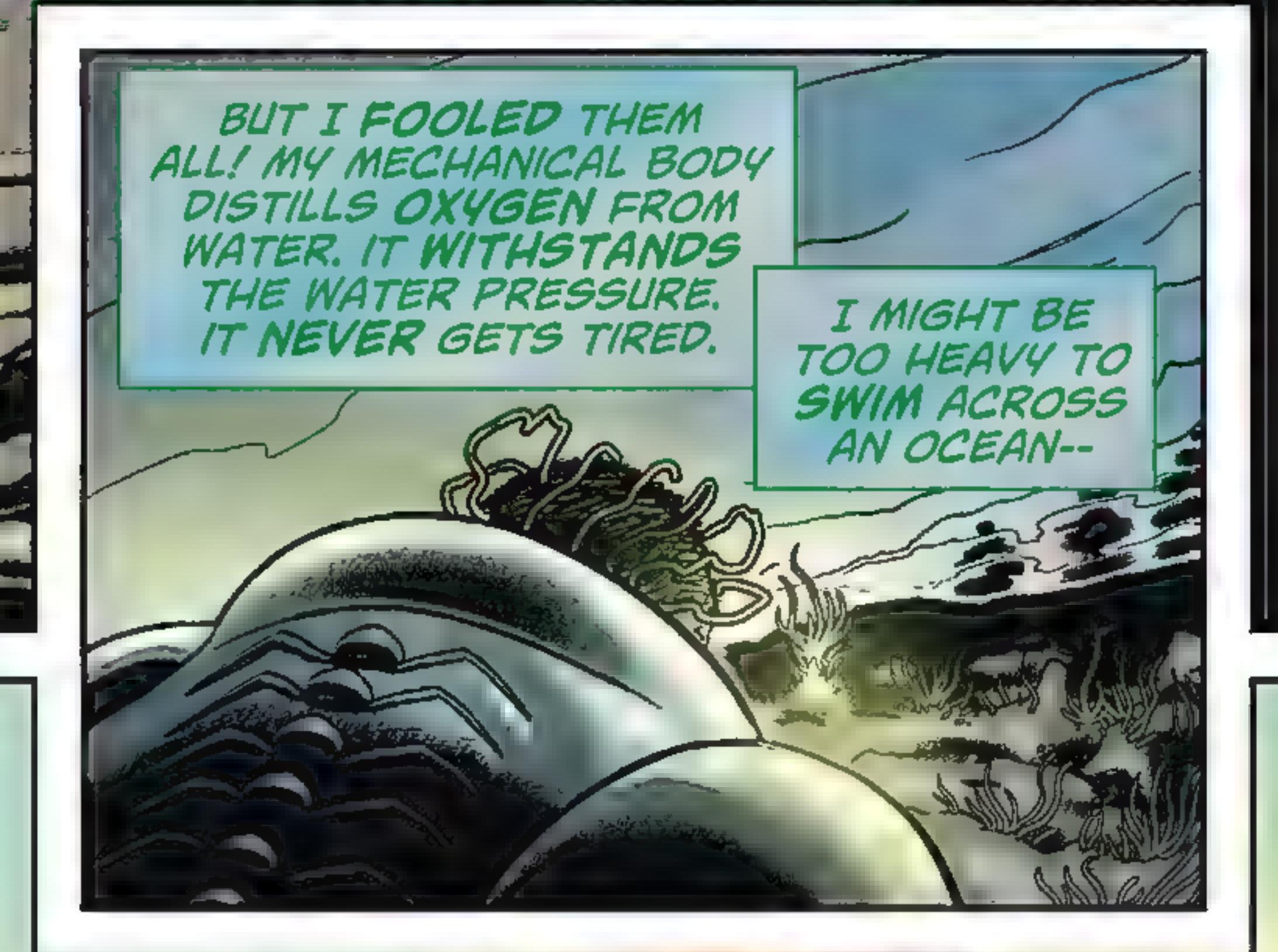
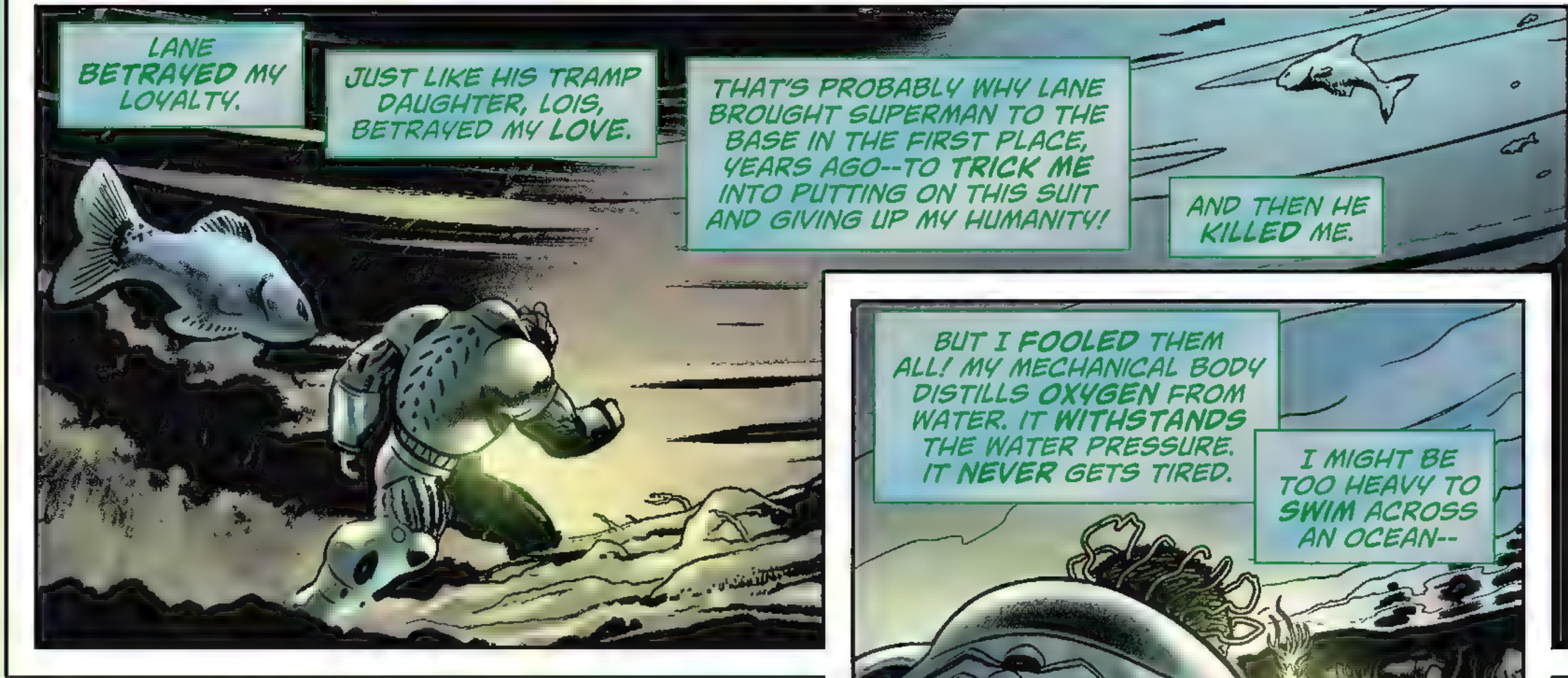
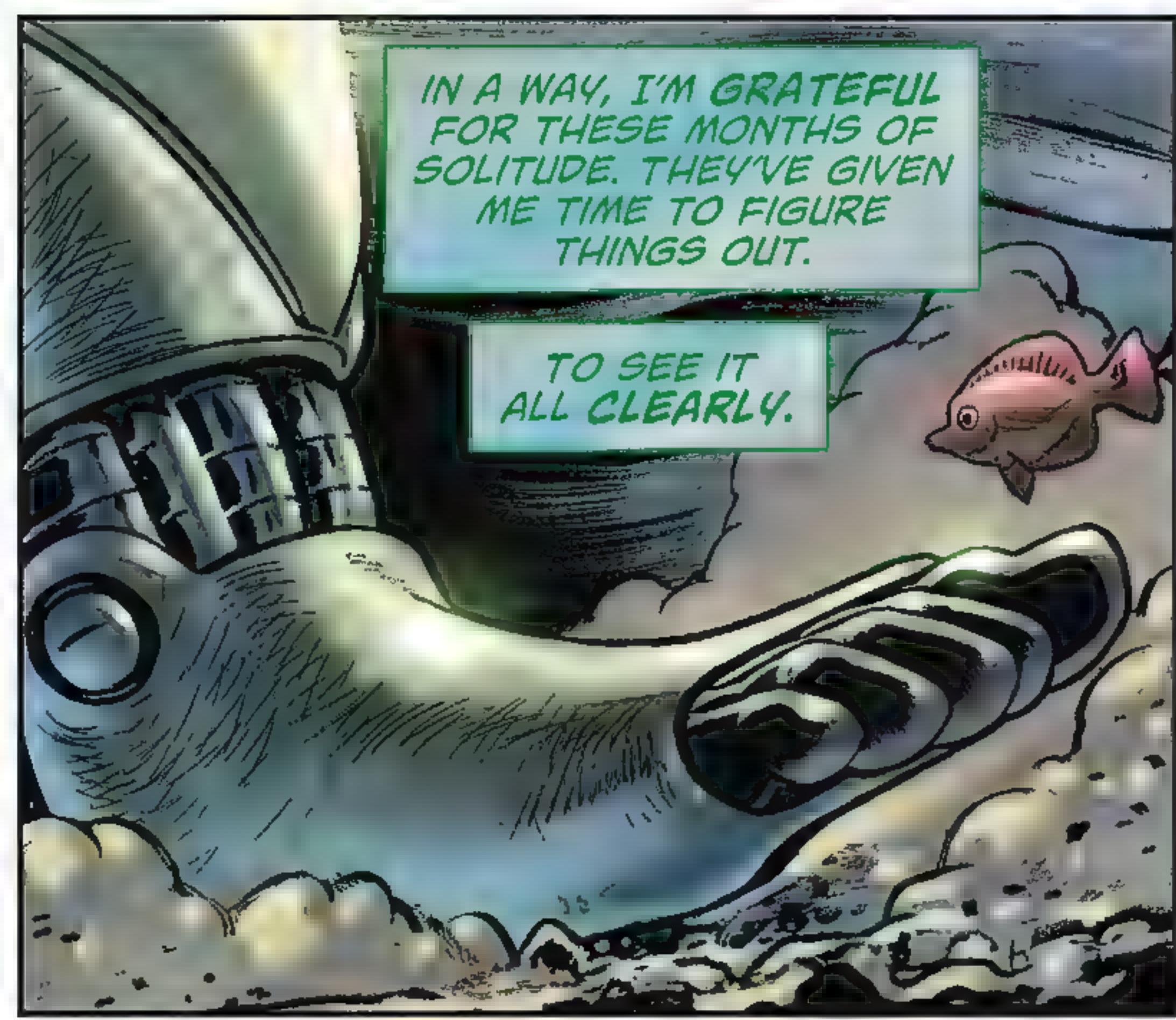


OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

ONE HUNDRED
AND SEVENTEEN
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES!
WHAT WERE YOU
THINKING?!



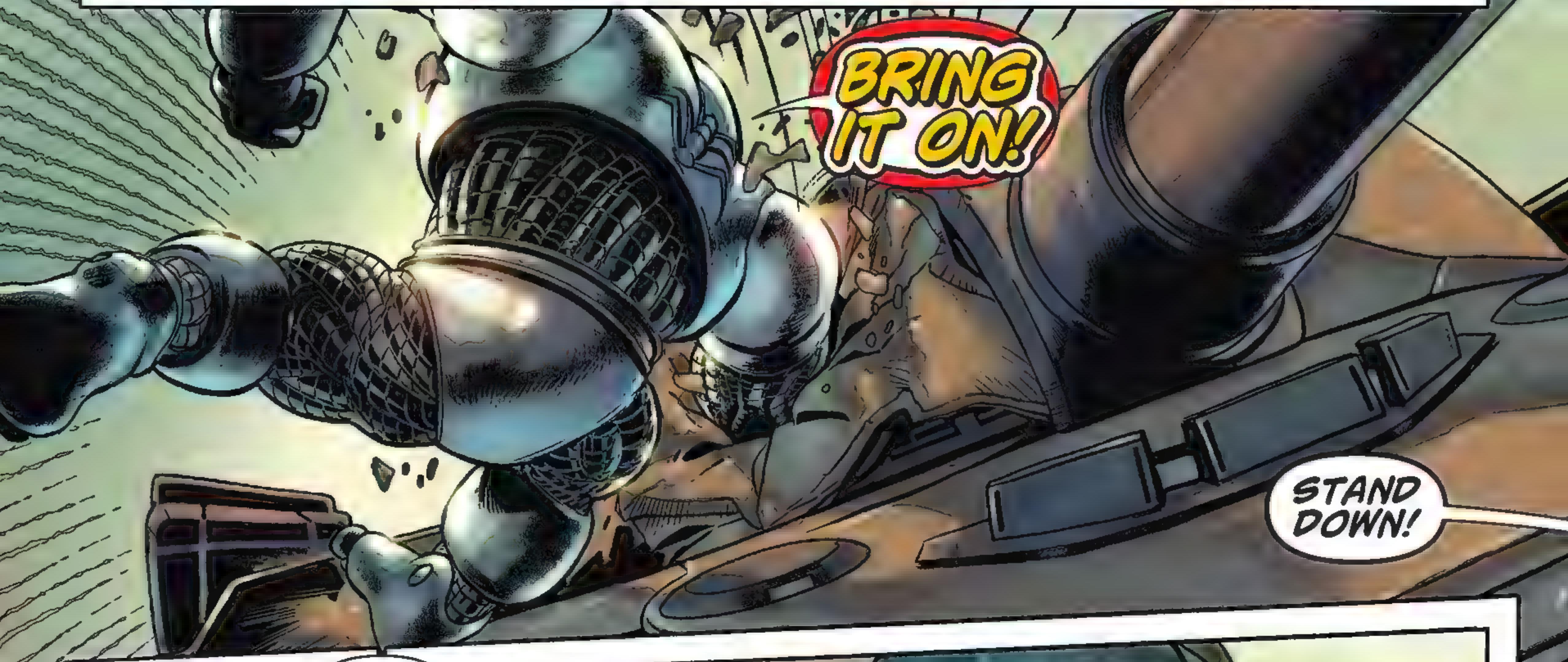
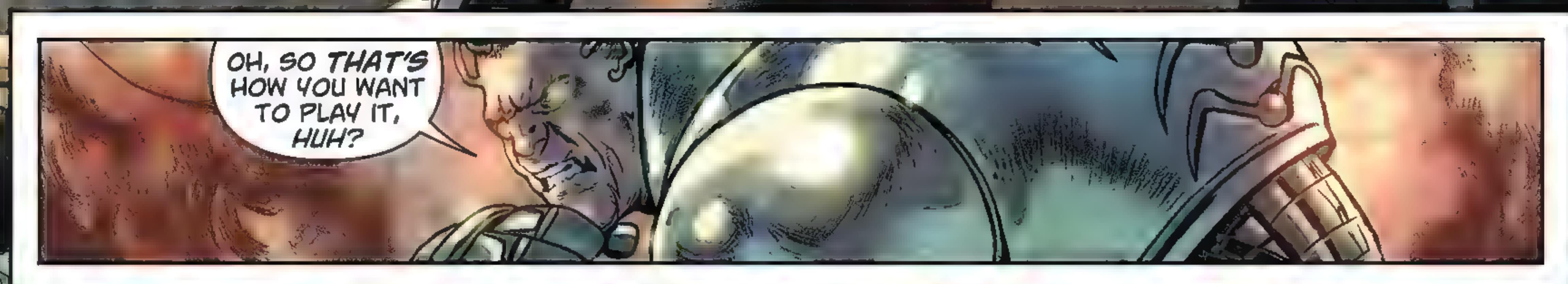


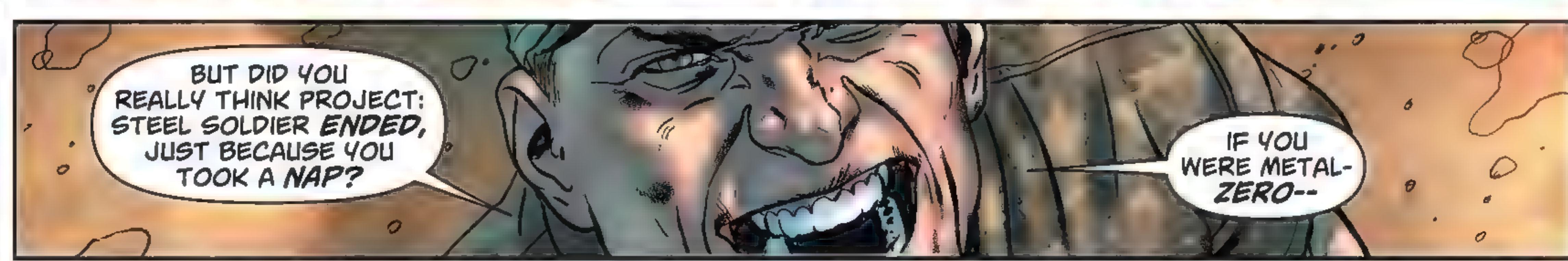
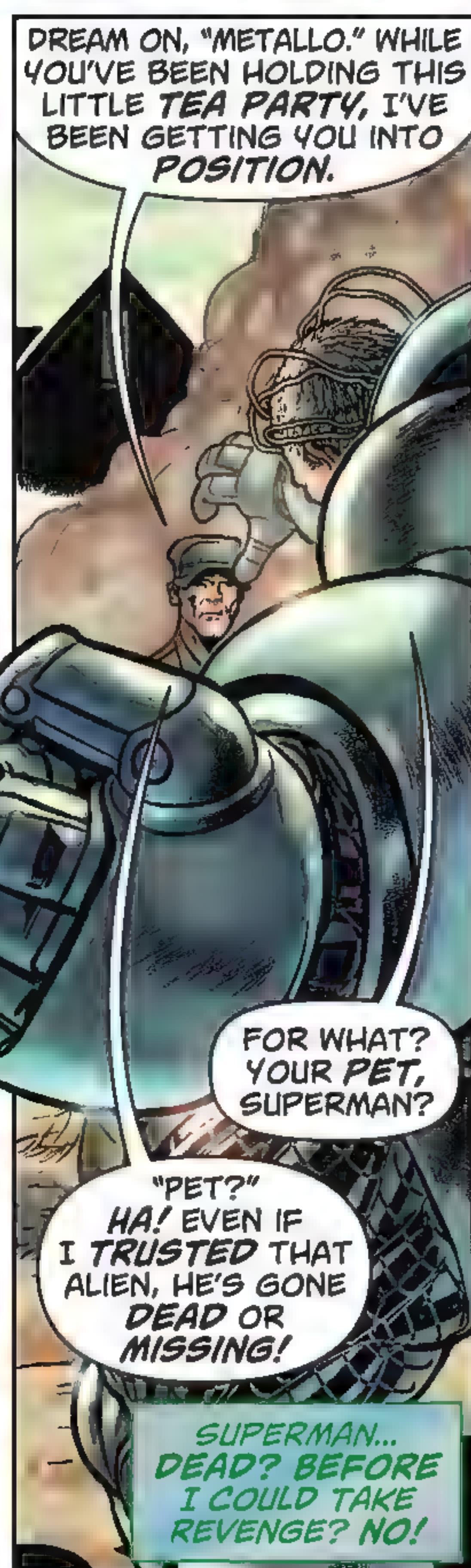


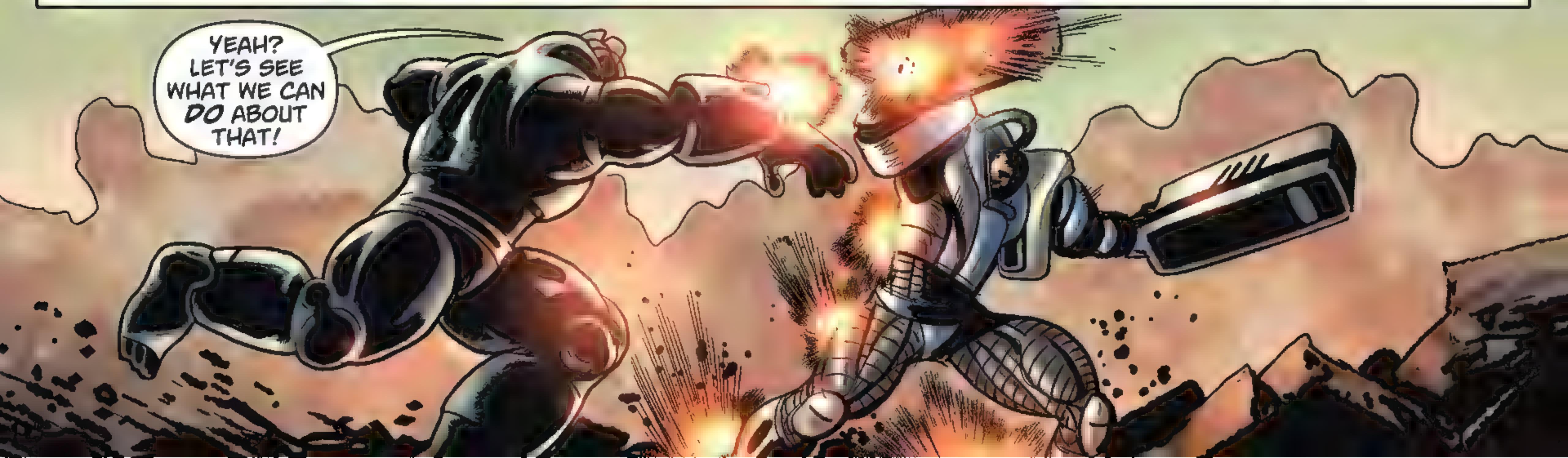
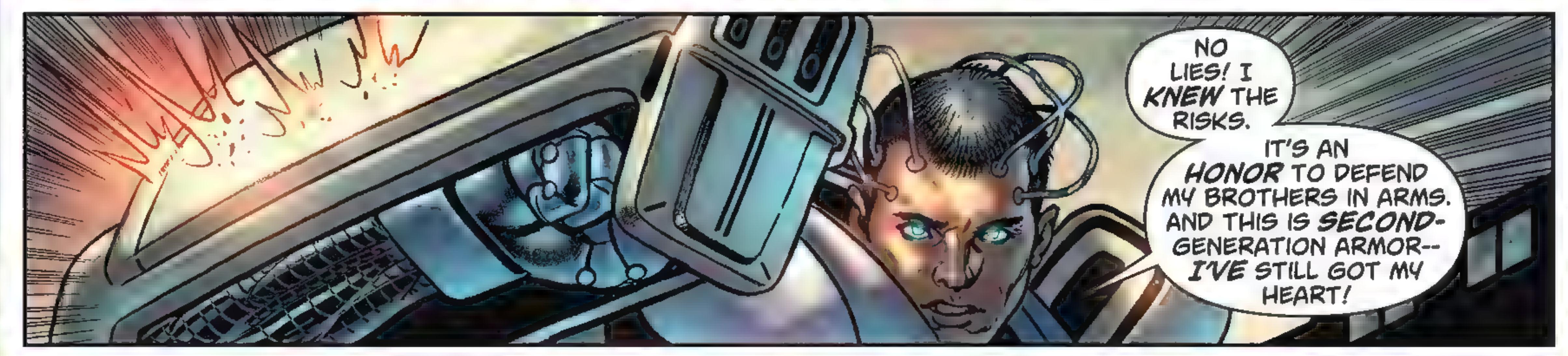
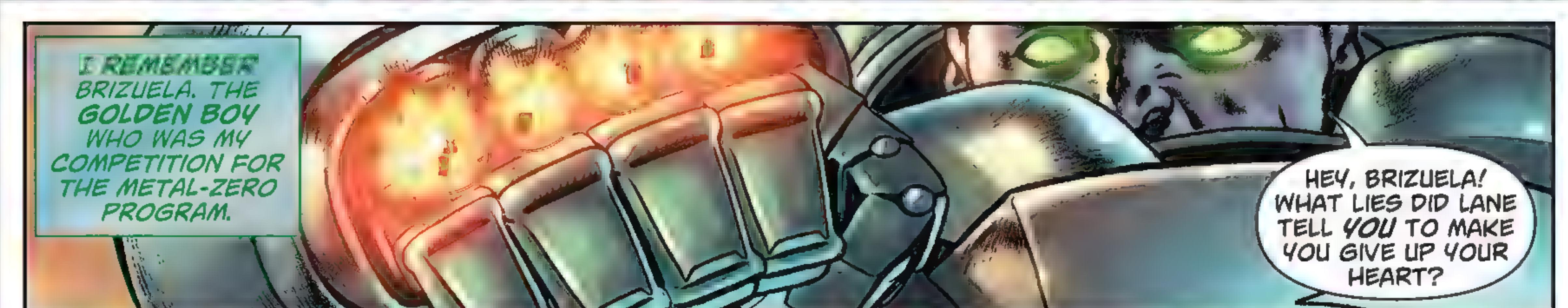
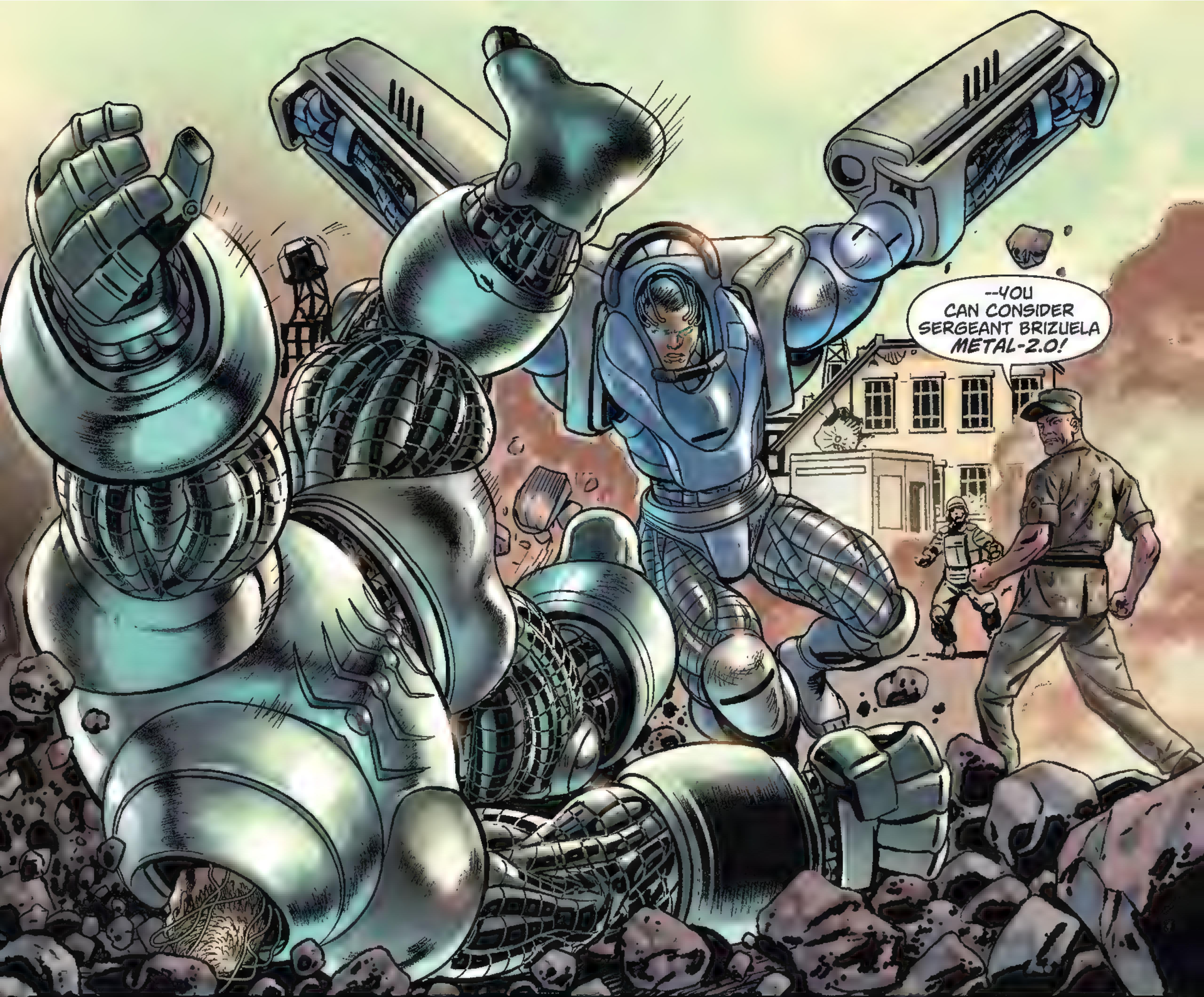
--EVERYONE WHO BETRAYED ME IS GOING TO PAY!

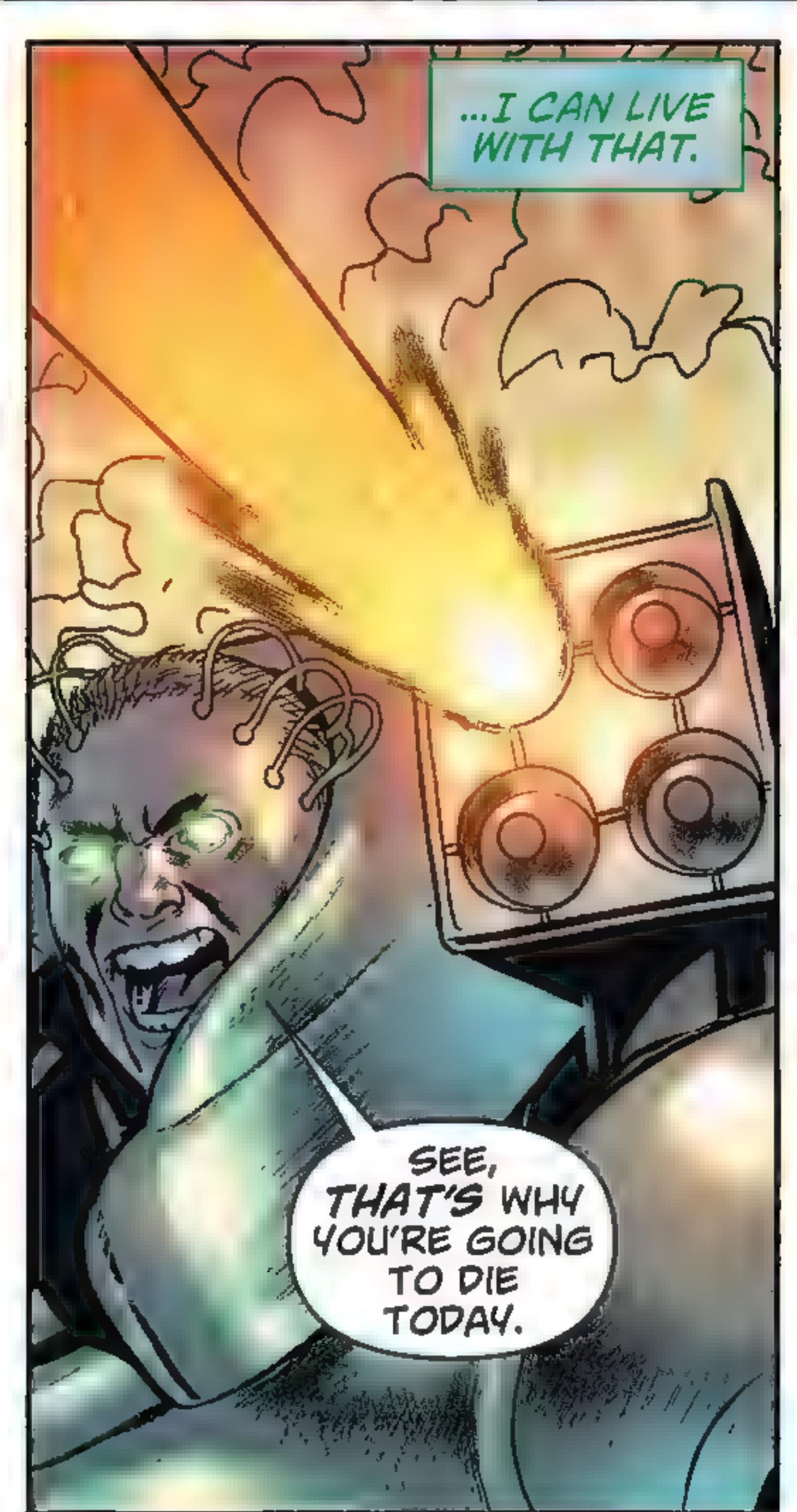
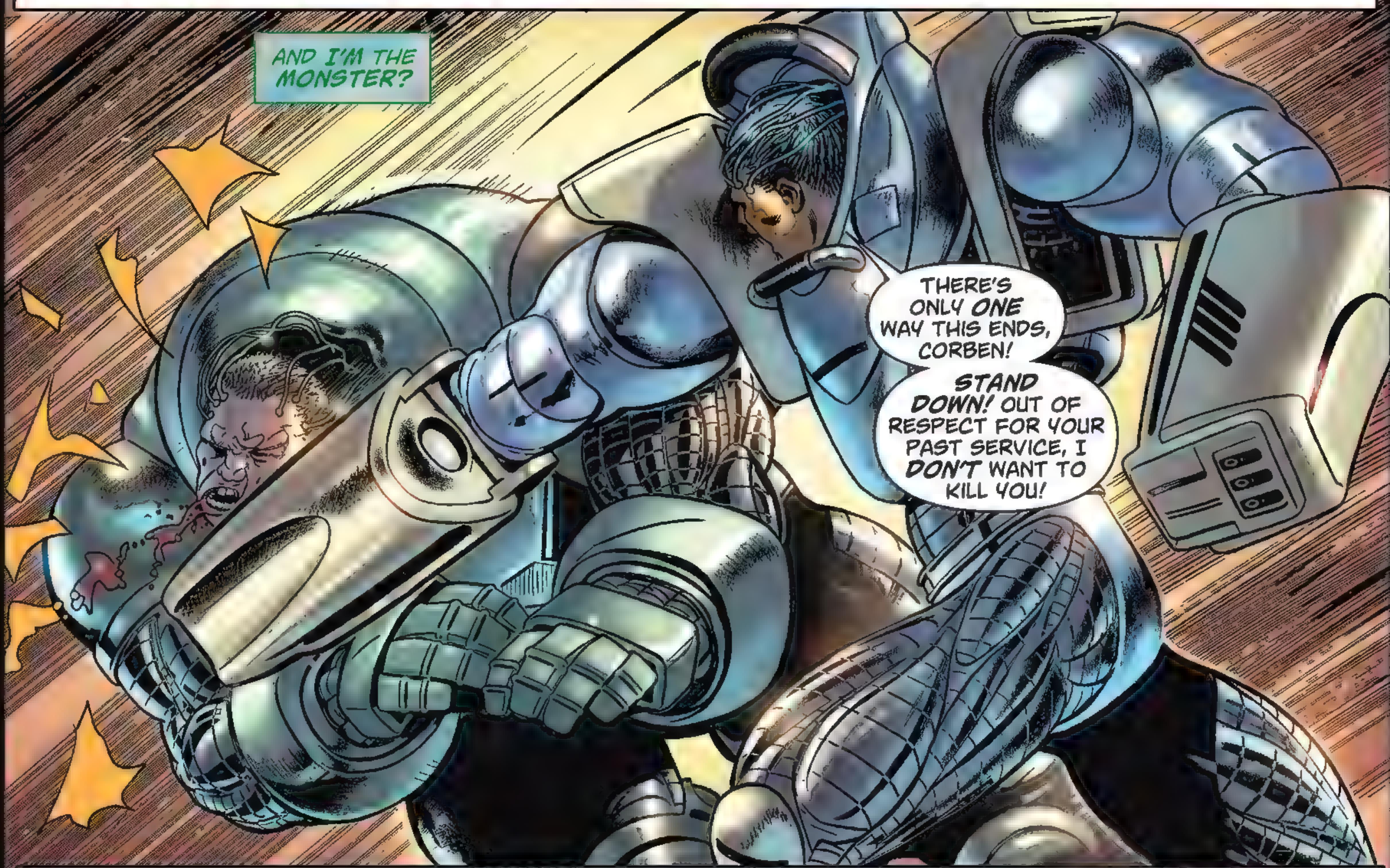
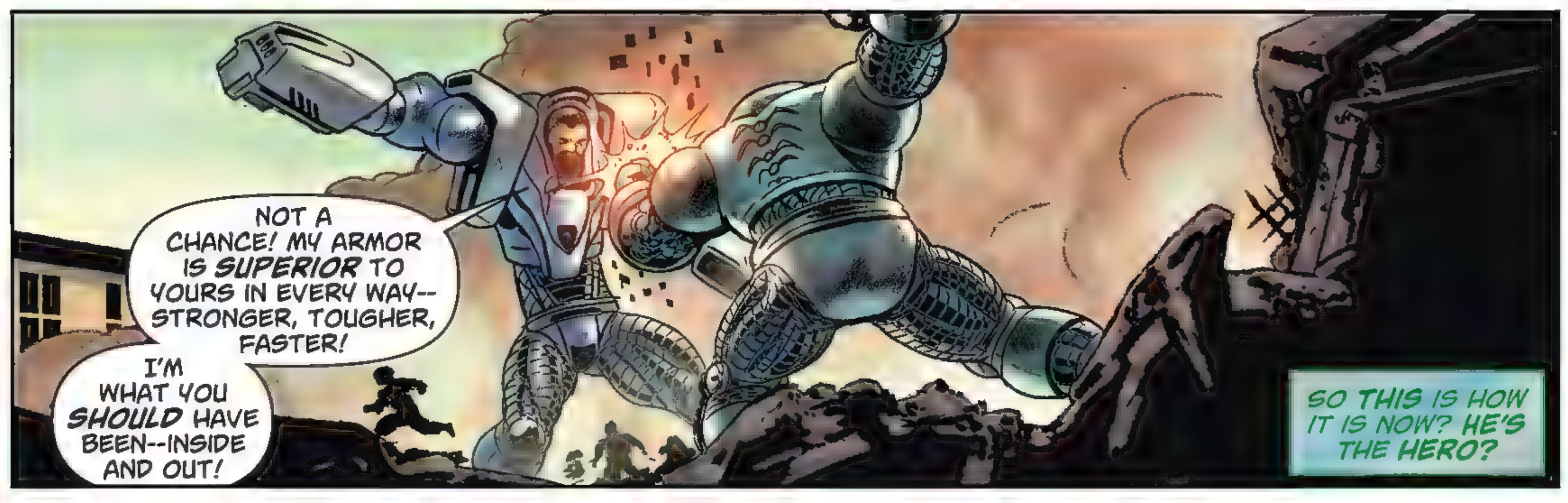
BRING
ME SAM
LANE!

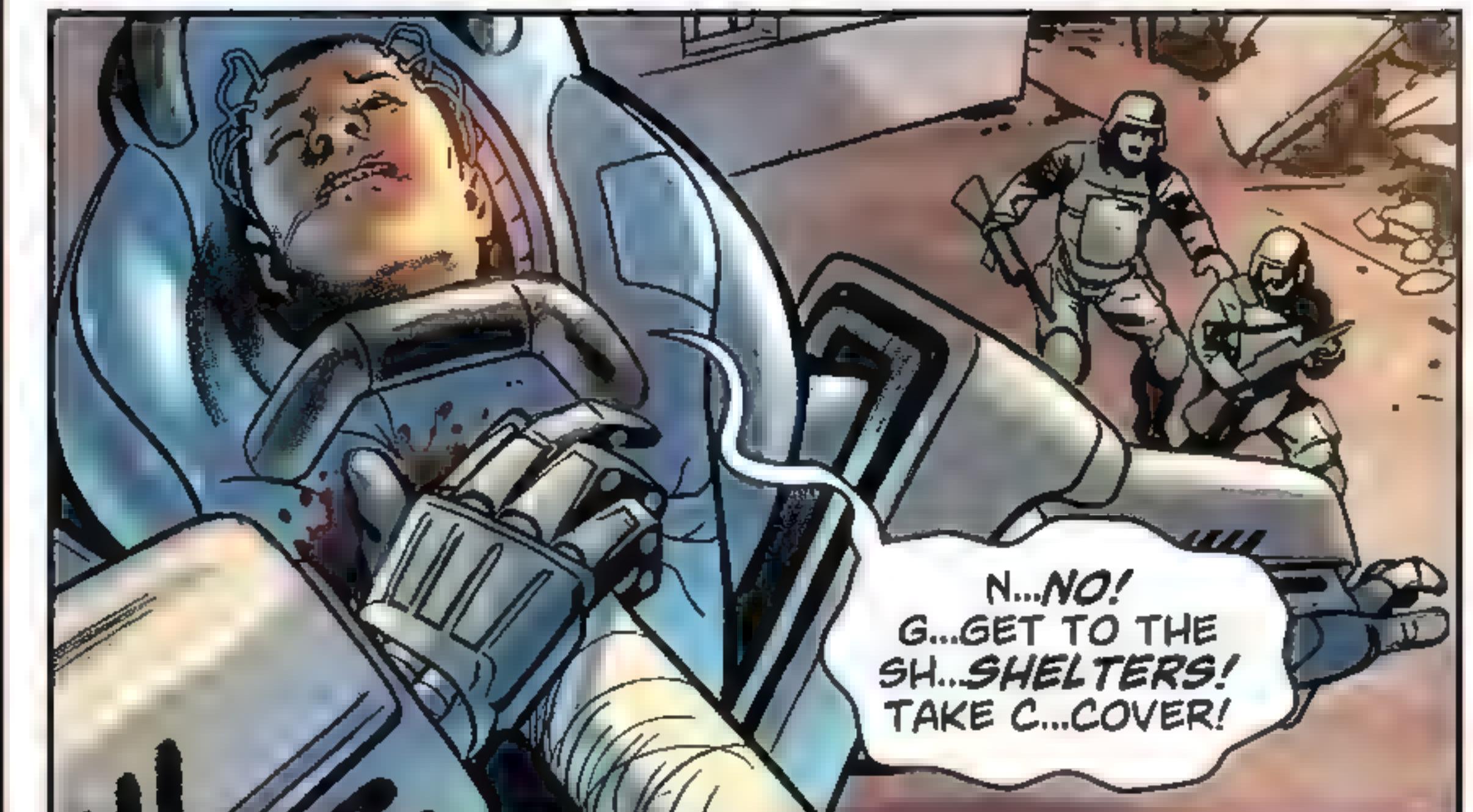
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"SHELTER?"
YOU THINK A
SHELTER WILL
KEEP THEM SAFE?
I'LL--

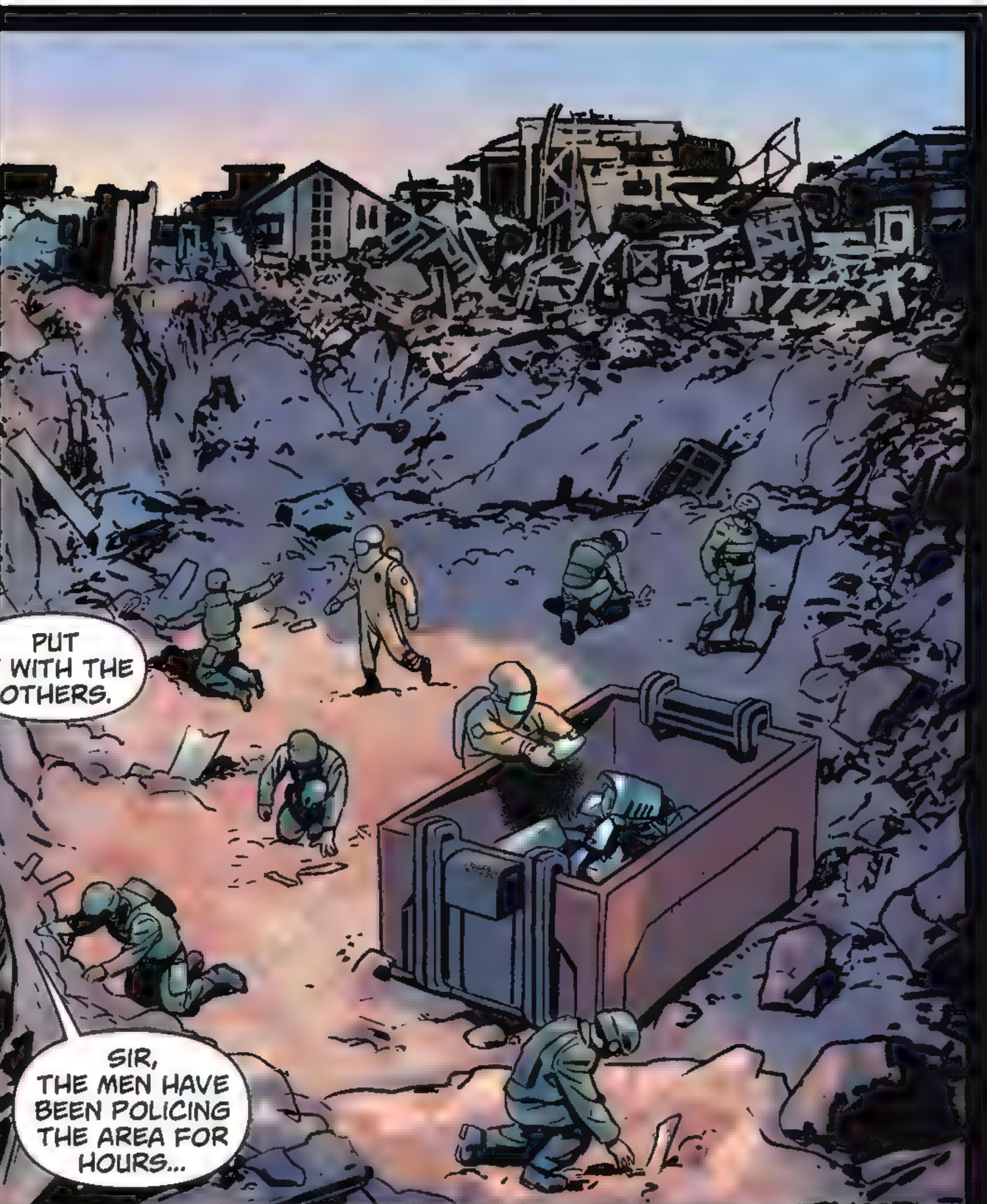
OH,
NO.

M...MY
ORDERS ARE...TO
N-NEUTRALIZE YOU
AS...A THREAT...AND
THAT'S W-WHAT I'M
GOING...TO DO.

SELF-
DESTRUCT
ENGAGED

E-EVEN
IF

OOOOOM



--HEAVEN
HELP US
ALL."

SO WHY'D
YOU GUYS PULL ME
OUT OF THERE,
ANYWAY?

TALENT.

DAMAGED
BAD.

CHEATED OUT OF
MY REVENGE.

FOR
NOW.

WE'VE
BEEN SCOUTING
FOR NEW BLOOD. WHEN
I SAW THE TERROR YOU
STRUCK THROUGH THAT
ARMY BASE...

I KNEW
WE COULD
USE YOU.

THERE'S NO GOING
BACK NOW. MY OLD
LIFE IS OVER.

YEAH? WELL,
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK
I NEED YOU? SOME
FREAK DRESSED UP LIKE A
SCARECROW--

NO MORE JOHN
CORBEN.

PLEASE.
DESPITE MY CHOICE OF
CLOTHING, I AM STILL A
PSYCHOLOGIST.

A CAREER
SOLDIER LIKE YOUR-
SELF, SUDDENLY ALONE--
CUT OFF FROM YOUR
ENTIRE SUPPORT
NETWORK?

NOT EVEN
METAL-ZERO.

I'M OFFERING YOU
THE CHANCE TO JOIN
A NEW ARMY. A NEW
BROTHERHOOD.

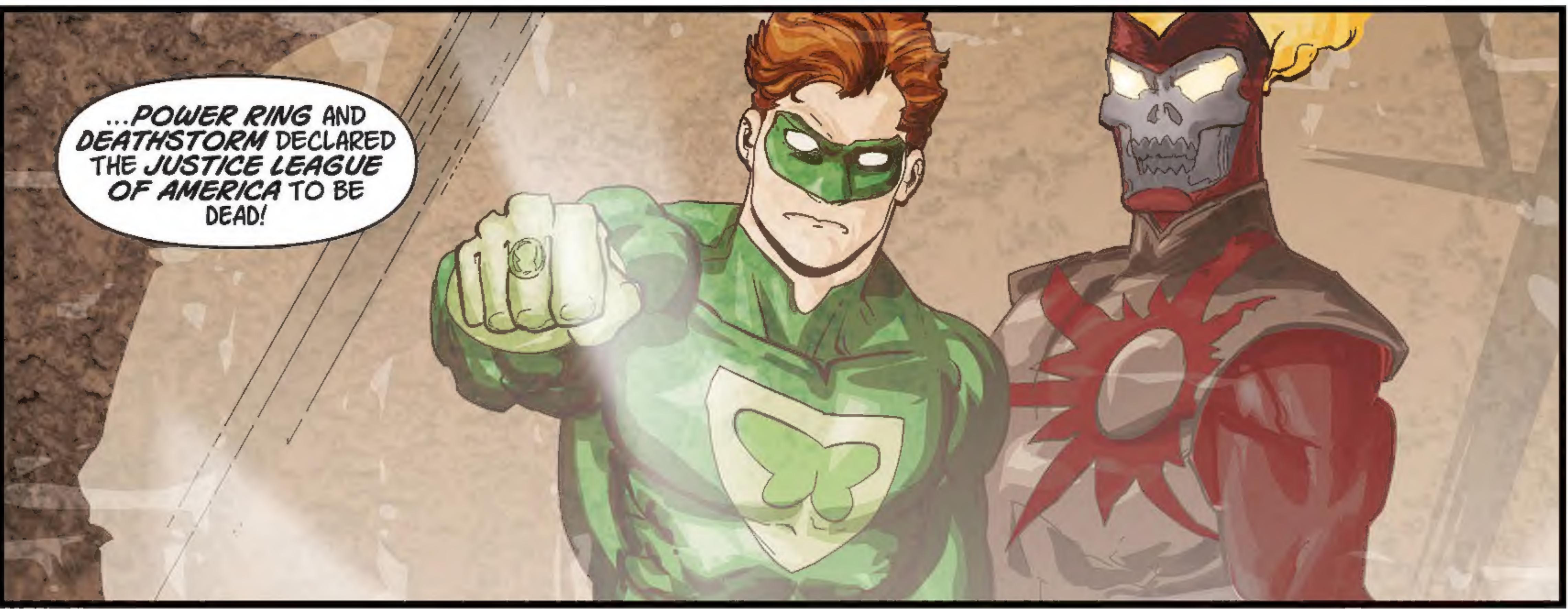
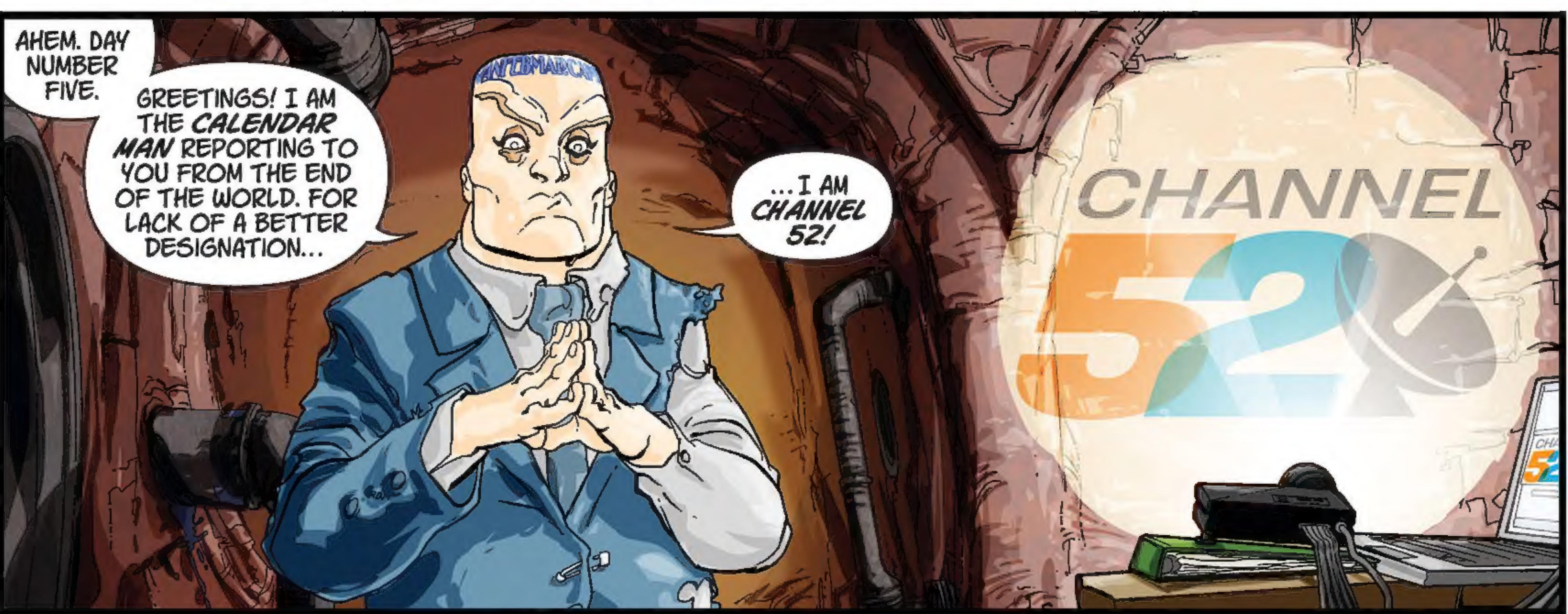
MY ASSOCIATES
CAN REPAIR YOUR
BROKEN BODY. AND,
BETTER YET--
--THEY
CAN OFFER AN
OPPORTUNITY.

WELCOME
TO THE SECRET
SOCIETY.

FROM
NOW ON--

--I'M
METALLO.

END



AND HERE IS JOHNNY QUICK ALONG WITH WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE ONE KNOWN AS ATOMICA.

I HAVE DETERMINED FROM SOCIETY MEMBERS HERE IN GOTHAM CITY THAT ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE GROUP, GRID, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORLDWIDE OUTAGE OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS.

IRONICALLY, IT WAS THE ARRIVAL OF THESE OVERLORDS THAT FREED ME FROM MY... PREDICAMENT IN THE GOTHAM UNDERGROUND.

REALIZING THAT THE ENSUING CHAOS COULD RESULT IN THE END OF ALL RECORD KEEPING, I KNEW I HAD TO ACT.

WITH A GAS POWERED GENERATOR AND COMPUTER SCAVENGED FROM EMPTY OFFICE BUILDINGS I AM NOW... FINALLY... THE KEEPER OF ALL DAYS AND DATES.

AS THE DAYS GO BY I FIND MORE AND MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE NEWS THAT ARKHAM ASYLUM, BELLE REVE, BLACKGATE, IRON HEIGHTS AND STRYKER'S ISLAND PRISONS HAVE ALL BEEN BREACHED AND THEIR INMATES RELEASED.

WITH THOSE PRISON BREAKS SWELLING THE RANKS OF THE SECRET SOCIETY AND NO HEROES SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF RETALIATION, WE ARE LEFT TO WONDER WHAT IS NEXT.

WHATEVER THESE DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS MAY HOLD... I WILL BE HERE RECORDING THE EVENTS.

I AM THE CALENDAR MAN AND I AM CHANNEL 52.

CHANNEL
52

